

REMARKS

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Species I, illustrated in Fig(s). 1 and 20-26;

Species II, illustrated in Fig(s). 8 and 20-26;

Species III, illustrated in Fig(s). 17 and 20-26; and

Species IV, illustrated in Fig(s). 18 and 20-26.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Species I, illustrated in Fig(s). 1 and 20-26, and readable on claims 1-7 and 12-20, with traverse.

Claims 1-7 and 12 – 20 are directed to the elected species. As acknowledged by the Examiner, at least claim(s) 1, 12, 13, and 14 are generic.

Species II is readable on claims 8, 9, 21, and 22. Species III is readable on claims 10 and 23. Species IV is readable on claims 11 and 24.

Applicants request that if either of generic claims 1 or 12 is allowed, species II, III and IV should be examined, as well.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Robert W. Downs, Registration No. 48,222, at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

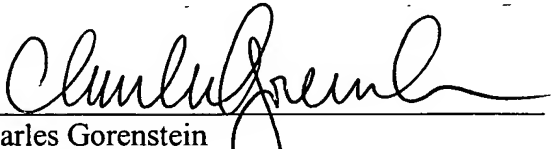
- ☐ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- ☐ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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